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SUBJECT: FRG INTEGRATED NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTER

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1. SUMMARY: WITH A THINLY VEILED THREAT, FRG INTER-
IOR MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY ("DEPUTY MINISTER") URGED
PROMPT ACTION BY GERMAN INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE PLANNING
FOR INTEGRATED NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTER. THIS CENTER
WOULD GO INTO OPERATION IN THE MID-80'S IN NORTHWEST
GERMANY AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ONLY A CONCEPT
STUDY TO DATE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING GERMAN ATOM FORUM-SPONSORED REACTOR
CONFERENCE IN DUSSELDORF ON APRIL 1, STATE SECRETARY
SCHMUDE REITERATED THE POSITION OF HIS MINISTRY ON
CERTAIN ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER. HE NOTED THAT
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATORY
ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER HAD PROCEEDED TO LICENSE
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NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS UNDER ASSUMPTION THAT SOME

TECHNOLOGICALLY-SOLVABLE PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED.
HE CRITICIZED GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY FOR DELAY IN
THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED STORAGE,
REPROCESSING AND WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR IRRADIAT-
ED NUCLEAR FUEL ELEMENTS.

3. SCHMUDE WARNED THAT FEDERAL MINISTER OF INTERIOR
MAY BE FORCED TO REVIEW GERMAN LICENSING POLICY FOR
NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS IF ADEQUATE WASTE DISPOSAL
IS NOT ASSURED IN DUE TIME.

4. MANDEL, PRESIDENT OF ATOM FORUM, THANKED SCHMUDE
FOR THE "CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL" STATEMENT AND ASSURED
HIM THAT GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY WILL HASTEN TO COMPLY.
HOWEVER, MANDEL NOTED THAT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE WOULD
BE NEEDED.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE CONCEPT STUDY WAS COMPLETED
IN MID-1975, FINANCED BY KEWA. THE PWK (PROJECT-
GESELLSCHAFT WIEDERAUFARBEITUNG VON KERNBRENNSTOFFEN),
ESTABLISHED BY 12 GERMAN UTILITIES IN MID-1975 HAVE
RAISED DM 30 MILLION TO FINANCE THE PRELIMINARY
PROJECT. KEWA OFFICIALS EXPECT THAT A CONTRACT WILL
BE CONCLUDED IN NEAR FUTURE. PAPER PRESENTED BY
MANFRED HAGEN AT RECENT AIF FUEL CYCLE CONFERENCE OUT-
LINES BASIC CONCEPT OF FRG INTEGRATED CENTER. THREE
POSSIBLE SITES UNDER CONSIDERATION (UNTERLUSS, SOEGEL
AND LICHTENMOOR) ARE ALL LOCATED IN NIEDERSACHSEN
(NORTHWEST FRG).
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